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STUDENTS FORM NEW ACTIVIST COMMITTEE

A Wesley Foundation panel discussion on "Students' Role
in Policy Making" resulted in the spontaneous formation of a
new campus activist movement, Students for Imperative Change
(S.I.C.). Approximately 40 students voted to form the group,
whose goal is to alter the attitude of "in loco parentis,"
which they allege is the dominant administrative philosophy
at Mary Washington.

At the Friday session, plans were made to present a
statement of grievances to the SGA Executive Council at their
meeting Monday night. Barbara Sweet, a sophomore from
Madison, New Jersey, was elected spokesman. S.I.C. members
also voted to hold an organizational and program planning
session tonight at 7 p.m. in the SGA Legislative room.

An estimated 60 students attended the Executive Council
meeting Monday. Miss Sweet first read a statement from the
group, explaining why the group has been formed and the
actions they are seeking. (See accompanying acricles.)

Cindy Long, Bullet editor and ex-officio Executive Council
member, then moved that Council extablish an ad hoc committee
to study the issue of "in loco parentis" and that this
committee be directed to hold an open hearing as soon as
feasible. The motion was passed with one dissenting vote.

The following Executive Council members will serve on
the committee: Pam Toppin, Lynn Middaugh, Carter Stubbs,
Betsy Witmer, Lynda Badran, Ginny Cross, Sue Mills, Linda
Howell, Merrilyn Sawyer, and Cindy Paradise.

Special S.I.C. Meeting
For All Interested Students
Tonight, 7 p.m.
SGA Legislative Room

S.I.C. Leader States Policy in Interview

by Liz Vantrease

"The emphasis of this group is to act, as opposed to just talking. Talking is important, but action is necessary to accomplish anything," says Barbara Sweet, spokesman for Students for Imperative Change.

The organization, formed last Friday night, is based upon action; specifically, action for a change in the present administrative attitude of "in loco parentis." This attitude, which means "in the place of parents," is "outmoded," Miss Sweet says, "and should be changed to one of respecting the individual student as a young adult who is mature enough to make personal decisions for herself (i.e. social decisions), and also mature enough to have some vote with faculty members concerning academic affairs."

The policy statement of S.I.C., which was presented to Executive Council Monday night, did not contain a list of petty grievances, for Miss Sweet says, "This is a much more basic complaint. 'In loco parentis' is in conflict withthe stated goals of the College."

However, four basic areas in which they would like to see a larger student role in policy-making were mentioned:
    1) A larger role in academic decision making;
    2) A larger role in cultural decision making, such as speakers and concerts;
    3) Total freedom in making social decisions, so long as it does not impinge upon the rights of others. This would include dress regulations and curfews;
    4) More student role in structural decision making.

Concerning the Monday night meeting of SGA, Miss Sweet said, "I think that Executive Council reacted reasonably. We are happy that the ad hoc committee has been suggested, in that one committee can more easily accomplish something on this specific issue than a myriad of small committees. I also hope Executive Council will consider using their power to establish a referendum."

S.I.C. was originally organized by a small group of approximately 30-40 students, yet 60 were present at the meeting to thear the policy statement read. "Considering that this was only passed aroung by word of mouth," Barbara says, "I think this was encouraging. We expect a significant student response after publicity."